



DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

SIR:

I, YASUSHI HASEGAWA, a co-inventor of the above-identified patent application, declare as follows:

1. I am employed by Nippon Steel Corporation, as a senior researcher at the Technical Development Bureau of Nippon Steel Corporation and my employment duties are R & D of ERW pipe and liquid phase diffusion bonding. Fukuju Industry Corporation, Gifu, Japan, is the assignee of the above-identified patent application.

2. I graduated from Tokyo Institute of Technology, Master course in Technical Engineering in March, 1984. I have been employed by Nippon Steel Corporation since 1984. From the beginning of my employment with Nippon Steel Corporation, I have been engaged at the Technical Development Bureau of Nippon Steel Corporation in research with respect to R & D of liquid phase diffusion bonding. I also studied heat resistant steel and liquid phase diffusion bonding at Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule (ETH University) in Zurich, Switzerland from 1993 to 1995.

3. I have read and understand the specification and